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The Honorable David E. Price
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
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Dear Chair and Ranking Member,

I am requesting funding for Tallahassee Community College (TCC) Commercial Vehicle Driving (CDL) Program Extension.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Tallahassee Community College, located at 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304.

The funding would be used for Tallahassee Community College (TCC) Commercial Vehicle Driving (CDL) Program Extension through the Economic Development Initiative. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer's funds because the nation is suffering from a shortage of truck drivers. In my district alone, there are currently 512 truck drivers needed. Currently, TCC's commercial vehicle driving program is at max capacity with a year-long waiting list and the nearest similar program is either 55 miles to the east or 84 miles to the west. Since 2017, 45% of graduates from TCC's program were from special populations, 74% are minority students, and 72% received scholarships or funding from third-party entities to cover their tuition. This funding investment would allow TCC to expand their program by renovating their existing facility to accommodate more classroom space, add the Class B (e.g. dump truck) endorsement training, and purchase two additional trucks.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson
Member of Congress